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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EAIR, CU, AO, CA

SUBJECT: CUBAN LEASE OF AIR CANADA DC-8S

REFS: OTTAWA 183, 118, 106

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE CALLED IN CANADIAN  
EMBASSY DCM MCKINNEY JANUARY 23 AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS  
ON SUBJECT LEASE:

A. WE ARE DISTURBED OVER THE WAY IN WHICH AIRCRAFT LEASE  
PROPOSAL WAS HANDLED. ORIGINAL APPROACH BY CANADIAN  
EMBASSY CONCERNED THE LEASE OF ONE AIRCRAFT FOR USE ON THE  
CUBA/MONTREAL ROUTE, LATER BROADENED TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE  
ROUTES. SUBSEQUENTLY WE LEARNED, IN FOLLOWING UP PRESS  
REPORTS WITH EXTAFF, THAT TWO AND POSSIBLY THREE AIRCRAFT  
ARE INVOLVED, AND THAT THE TERMS OF THE LEASE ALLOW THEIR  
USE INTER ALIA ON CUBANA'S ROUTES TO CONAKRY AND FREETOWN.  
THIS KIND OF DISCREPANCY COMPLICATES OUR EFFORTS TO BE  
FORTHCOMING ON THESE MATTERS.

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B. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR, AFTER THE LEASE ARRANGEMENTS WERE AGREED TO, THAT THE DC-8'S INVOLVED COULD BE USED IN SUPPORT OF CUBAN OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA, AND SUCH USE HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR GREATLY EMBARRASSING BOTH THE U.S. AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS.

C. EMBASSY OTTAWA HAS REPORTED IN DETAIL ON THE ASSURANCES THE GOC HAS OBTAINED FROM THE CUBANS THAT THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE LIMITED EXCLUSIVELY TO CIVILIAN USE, AND THE SEVERAL SAFEGUARDS CANADA HAS DEVISED TO BACK UP THESE ASSURANCES. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE GOC'S EFFORTS IN THIS CONNECTION, AND WE WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING ELSE THE GOC CAN DO.

2. MCKINNEY TOOK NOTE OF THE FOREGOING, AND DESCRIBED THE ASSURANCES AND SAFEGUARDS THE GOC HAS INSISTED UPON ALONG THE LINES REPORTED IN THE REFERENCE TELEGRAMS. WITH REGARD TO THE EXPORT CONTROL ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM, MCKINNEY ACCEPTED THE POINT THAT IMPRECISION COULD LEAD TO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. KISSINGER

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